

Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

January 11th, 2012

Attending:

Jon Morgan

Devor Barton

Victor Stover

Jeniffer Calleja

Mark Melnyk

Mark Landreneau

Lydia Heard

Seth Schromen-Wawrin

Jacob Struiksma

Individual Reports:

Lydia: SDOT is doing a street improvement at McGilver Place (Madison and Pike). Went to a presentation on the street improvement. Also reviewed plans for a potential development at Elliot and Battery for how it could be beneficial to the walkability.

Mark L.: Lighthouse for the Blind received federal grant for safe travel training for the visually impaired. If anyone needs training, have them contact the Lighthouse.

Brian: New city Traffic Engineer (Dongho Chang) hired.

Jacob: not many meetings because of holidays, so walking a lot. Noticing issue with garbage cans because the residents put them in the planter street, but the garbage people put them back wherever. Will be attending Transportation Advocacy Day on the 31st in Olympia.

Jen: reiterate importance of transportation advocacy day.

Jon: Have liaison with police department again. Hopefully they will come to a meeting soon. Meeting with City Light soon and they are also planning to come to a meeting to talk about street lighting.

HB 1217 (20 mph bill) is important bill for legislature this year. Will allow cities to lower speed limit to 20 mph on non-arterial streets without conducting a study.

Motion made to write letter in support to Seattle senators and representatives. Passed unanimously. Devor will write draft letter.

Rapid Ride C and D lines (Paul Roybal, KC Metro)

Rapid Ride is Metro's version of bus rapid transit. 6 corridors will be constructed between 2010 and 2013. Three in Seattle: C – West Seattle, D – Ballard/Downtown, E – Aurora. The routes will have a minimum of 10 minute service in peak; 15 minute rest of day until 10 pm; night service as well. Headways will be at least the same as what it is replacing (E line (358) currently has 6-8 minute headways currently).

These lines will have improvement to the busses as well as the stops. The busses are lower, have wifi, etc. All shelters will be lit. New shelters are 10x20ft (50% larger than current shelters). Some more stops will have shelters than have shelters now. Real time signs that say when the next bus will arrive will be added. Sign has button to verbally say the information (accessibility).

Construction is underway and service will begin September 29th, 2012. Not much of the lines are within dedicated right of way. Business Access and Transit lanes would require reducing on street parking. Will be adding signal priority to many of the intersections.

Jacob: rode the A line recently and the announcements were not always coming out.

Paul: the system is not fully functional yet, so when it is all the stops should be announced.

Jen: At Barton and 35th, you are putting in a signal priority. The intersection has left turn pockets and it could benefit from having a left turn arrow.

Paul: will look into it.

Rapid ride is different from Express Routes. It is more about frequent service on busy routes than about fewer stops over long distances. Intended to serve activity nodes. Still it should lead to about a 15% time decrease compared to local service for C and D lines.

Jon: is there a ridership increase projected

Paul: 50% increase over 5 years.

Jon: are all the stops on arterials where there is a signal or marked crosswalk?

Paul: There maybe a few in SW Seattle, but otherwise they all are.

Victor: Is there more security on the Rapid Ride Lines?

Paul: It's a pay on entry line, so there are occasional fare inspection personnel who get on board. On the A line, this has helped improve an increased sense of security as well as reducing fare evasion (down from 6% to 2%).

Nominations:

Jen nominated: Seth for Chair; Lydia for Vice-Chair; Devor for Secretary

Lydia nominated: Devor for vice-Chair; Lydia for Secretary

Roles according to Jon: Secretary takes the notes. Maybe also have them in charge of other communication like twitter, online presence, listserve, etc.

Next meeting:

February 8, 2012